

HEAVY RAINS

Will Cause the Mississippi River to Reach a Crisis.

Houses Drifting From Their Foundations at Gunnison, Miss.

The Water Still Rising in Louisiana—Two Men Shot for Not Heeding Orders to Keep Off the Levee—Worst Will Not Be Known Till the Flood is Over.

ST. LOUIS, April 2.—The recent heavy rains, according to the weather bureau, will cause the Mississippi flood to reach a crisis. The water continues to rise in Louisiana.

A break occurred at Bayou la Fourche, but it was quickly stopped. Houses are drifting from their foundations at Gunnison, Miss. A break at Concordia Landing is threatened. If the levee yields at that point Gunnison will be entirely swept away. It is almost certain that lives have been lost in the Delta, as many persons are reported missing, and search has failed to discover them. Loss of life is reported from Laconia Circle also.

The situation at Helena, Ark., is improved. The heavy rain, while swelling the river, has packed the earth on the levee, greatly strengthening the embankments. Water entering the basin through breaks in the Missouri levees will pass Helena, continuing the upward tendency of the flood for several days.

The Westover break is not so important as at first supposed. Water from crevasses below Madoe, however, is backing up the country, and it will soon be as high behind the levees as in front of them.

It is reported that two men were killed near the O. K. (Mississippi) levee. They refused to heed the warning to keep away from the bank, and were shot by guards.

Nearly three inches of rain fell Thursday afternoon and night in southeast Missouri, covering hundreds of acres of farming land and stopping the river's fall. The St. Francis levee at Williams' slough is badly damaged. But two feet of earth in some places are holding back the river.

Subterranean trouble of a mysterious sort has developed between Point Pleasant and Tiptonville, Mo. A whirlpool was formed and at intervals a sound like the roar of a cannon is heard.

The heavy rains have caused all streams of the north to leave their banks. Where ice remains gorges have dammed the rivers. In breaking these gorges have carried away many bridges in Minnesota and the Dakotas. The upper Mississippi, which has been falling for several days, is rising more rapidly than before. Farmers who returned to their homes in the lowlands have been forced again to flee.

STEAMER GRIGGS

Sinks in the Chattahoochee River—Five Men Perish.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 2.—Reports have just reached here of the sinking of the alleged filibustering steamer Griggs on the Chattahoochee river near Ft. Gaines. At least five men are drowned and one man, Randolph Russell, from Alabama, after a fierce struggle with the waves, reached shore with enough life in him to tell of the disaster. Particulars are slow in coming, as the storm has seriously affected the wires in that section of the state.

The Griggs belonged to the Independent line, and her regular run was between Columbus and Apalachicola. She sunk about 75 miles below Columbus. She was the last boat left of the many which once formed the ill-fated line. Another and smaller one went down only last week.

Terrible Results of an Explosion.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 2.—An explosion Thursday night wrecked the dry house of the Shamokin Powder Co., four miles west of here. The shock caused thereby was felt for many miles. The barn of David Hanna, a farmer living near the scene of the explosion, in some manner caught fire and was entirely destroyed. All the cattle were burned to death. His residence was split in half and damaged beyond repair. The family miraculously escaped injury.

Four New Cardinals.

ROME, April 2.—It is understood in vatican circles that four new cardinals will be created at the coming papal consistory, of whom three will be French and the other Spanish. The names of the French prelates to be elevated are given as Bishops Coullie, of Lyons; Sourrieu, of Rouen, and Laboure, of Rennes. The Spanish candidate is Bishop Martin Herrera, of Santiago de Compostela.

Robbed of \$3,500.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Christ. Schultz, aged 15, a messenger for the wholesale clothing firm of Kuhn, Nathan & Fischer, at Van Buren and Franklin streets, was robbed of \$3,500 at 11 o'clock Friday on the Twelfth street viaduct, near the Nickel Plate depot. Edward Wilson, driver of a delivery wagon for the firm, with two confederates, committed the crime.

Supreme Court Takes a Recess.

COLUMBUS, O., April 2.—The supreme court Friday adjourned to April 13, before doing so decisions were handed down sustaining the law to widen the Cuyahoga river and compelling Warden Coffin to approve the cost bill in a Scioto county criminal case.

Flour Mill in Flames.

ALLIANCE, O., April 2.—A large flour mill owned by DeFord & Son at East Rochester Village, eight miles south of this city, was destroyed by fire together with 50 barrels of flour and 1,000 bushels of wheat. Loss, \$10,000; small insurance.

REBELS ROUTED.

Spanish Troops and Guerrillas Meet a Party of Insurgents.

A Stubborn Fight on Both Sides Takes Place at Brujo.

Reinforcements Come to the Relief of the Troops and the Rebels Are Dislodged—Spanish Commander and Four Privates Killed and Four Wounded.

HAVANA, April 1.—Lieut. Col. Perez Blanco, with a battalion of Spanish troops and a detachment of local guerrillas, left Artemisa Wednesday and at Brujo encountered a party of rebels occupying strong positions. The fighting was stubborn on both sides, and the insurgents were dislodged with difficulty. Hearing the firing from a distance Col. Boy, with three companies of Spanish troops, came to the assistance of Lieut. Col. Perez Blanco's command and the insurgents were finally driven from the field, carrying with them a number of their dead and wounded. Lieut. Col. Perez Blanco, a lieutenant and four privates were killed, and four privates were wounded.

At Hato Nueva, in the Matanzas province, Maj. Valtina, two captains and 14 privates, comprising the remainder of the defeated insurgent party under the leader Barroto, have surrendered to the Spanish authorities.

Key West, Fla., April 2.—A gentleman who arrived by the Olivette Wednesday night says that General Ruiz Rivera was to have been summarily court-martialed and condemned Thursday morning and shot at sunrise Friday morning.

HAVANA, April 2.—The queen regent has cabled her congratulations to Capt. Gen. Weyler on the capture of Gen. Ruiz Rivera and the success of the latest operations against the insurgents.

ONE LIFE LOST.

Cambridge Springs, Pa., a Health Resort, Nearly Destroyed by Fire.

MEADVILLE, Pa., April 2.—Cambridge Springs, a health resort about fifteen miles from here, was almost entirely destroyed by fire Thursday, involving a loss of one life and property loss of \$200,000.

At about 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning fire was discovered in the notion store of Mrs. Wellman, on Main street, and as there is no fire department at the springs, the flames spread with wonderful rapidity, soon having the business portion of the place at its mercy. Assistance was requested from this city, Corry and Union City. Engines and reels were dispatched at once, but before substantial relief could be given 50 business houses and a dozen residences had succumbed to the flames.

Charles Hayes, a merchant, entered his place of business, while it was in flames and was crushed by falling walls.

Big Oil Deal.

CHICAGO, April 2.—A Chronicle special from Hartford City, Ind., says: Another big oil deal has just been consummated in the Indiana oil field. The Standard Oil Co. has purchased the leases of the Big Sandy Oil Co., of Indianapolis, operating in the Godfrey reserve, northwest of this city. The lease includes the 300-acre tract of land recently purchased by John T. Brush, baseball magnet of Indianapolis and Cincinnati, for which he paid \$30,000. This gives the Standard 1,100 acres in the reserve, the most productive oil territory in the Indiana field.

Trains Blocked by Snow.

OMAHA, Neb., April 2.—A severe storm was raging Thursday night in northwestern Nebraska and the Black Hills country, adding to the annoyance of the railroads, which are busy bucking snow drifts with powerful rotary plows. The blocked trains on all roads are moving slowly and some of them have been entirely abandoned. The main line of the Union Pacific between Cheyenne and Hildale, Wyo., is still choked with snow.

George Morris in Jail.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 2.—Confined in the county jail, under the alias of Geo. Morgan, is Geo. Morris, formerly assistant librarian of the United States congressional library, in Washington. Morris is convicted of having stolen a directory from a saloon.

May and December.

HINDMAN, Ky., April 2.—On Cutshin creek, near the Leslie county line, Mrs. Emeline Jewell, aged 65, and Abel Lewis, aged 17, were married. This is Mrs. Jewell's fifth matrimonial venture, and she is said to be the mother of 31 children.

Succeeds Judge Jewell.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 2.—D. Gray Falconer, a prominent young sound-money attorney and son-in-law of the late William Cassius Goodloe, was appointed police judge by Mayor Simrall to succeed the late Judge James R. Jewell.

Unknown Man's Body Found.

PRESTONSBURG, Ky., April 2.—The body of a drowned man was found here. It is supposed to be the body of one of the two men drowned here three weeks ago.

Ordered to Honolulu.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 2.—Adm. Beardslee Thursday received preparatory sailing orders for Honolulu. He expects to leave early next week.

New Atlantic Cable.

PARIS, April 2.—A new Atlantic cable is being manufactured at Calais and will shortly be laid.

MERRITT'S SUCCESSOR.

Gen. Wheaton Promoted Past Gen. Brooke, Who Ranks Him.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Maj. Gen. Wesley Merritt, Thursday received the first official information of his transfer to the New York command. Gen. Ruger's



GEN. THOMAS H. RUGER, U. S. A.

stay at Governors Island expires at noon Friday, and his successor will, probably, take charge within two weeks. Gen. J. R. Brooke, of St. Paul, is expected to succeed Gen. Merritt in Chicago.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The army changes resulting from Maj. Gen. Ruger's retirement Friday have been arranged and according to the slate Gen. Wheaton, who was Friday promoted past Gen. Brooks, who ranks him, will make another vacancy by retiring May 8, when Gen. Brooks will receive his deferred promotion to major general.

BLACKBURN MEN

In Doubt as to an Election of a United States Senator at the Extra Session.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 2.—The Blackburn forces are beginning to believe there will be no election of a United States senator at the extra session, and they will fight accordingly. There seems to be only two chances for an election—first, that the gold democrats force the silver democrats to carry out their bluff to elect Bradley, and second, that Senator Henry L. Martin, gold democrat, is put through as a compromise candidate. Dr. Hunter has given out the following statement:

I was fairly nominated by the republican caucus, in which nearly all the republican members participated. I shall remain the nominee for senator until the nomination is withdrawn from me by a majority of the same body which commissioned me.

The silver democrats prevented a quorum at Friday's joint session, only 65 members, including gold democrats, answering to their names. A ballot was taken, however, which resulted: Hunter 55, Davis 7, Boyle 1.

The silver democrats and two others refused to answer to their names.

The Hunter people said the reason the opposition broke a quorum was that they feared some more members were coming to Hunter Friday.

The real reason was that the gold democrats were about to spring the name of Senator H. L. Martin, and the Blackburn people were afraid of the risk at this juncture.

After the joint session Senator Martin said that the movement to make him a candidate was wholly unauthorized.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Printer Sues Ex-Public Printer Benedict for Damages—A Bicyclist's Terrible Mishap.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—T. A. Rhodes, an old soldier formerly employed as a compositor in the government printing office, has entered suit against T. E. Benedict, ex-public printer, claiming \$200 damages for violation of the civil service rules. It is understood that a number of similar claims will be entered.

Mr. Robert L. Baines, chief of the returning division, dead letter office, was Friday afternoon thrown from his bicycle and his throat struck on a sharp picket of the post office department fence, making a terrible gash and knocking out a number of teeth. He was taken to the Emergency hospital. The accident may result fatally.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Rear Adm. John H. Russell, retired, died at his residence here Friday after an illness of about a month. He was born in Frederick, Md., in 1827, and entered the navy as a midshipman when only 14 years old. He saw much active naval service during the Mexican war. He was complimented by the navy department for services in cutting out the privateer Judah at Pensacola in September 1861; participated in all the engagements of Farragut in the Mississippi up to Vicksburg.

National Bank Notes Outstanding.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—National bank notes outstanding on March 31, 1897, \$233,708,894, a decrease during the month of \$441,040, but an increase from March 31, 1896, of \$12,481,089. The gold coins during the month amounted to \$13,770,900, while 1,400,250 silver dollars were struck off.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The president has decided to nominate Dr. W. W. Thomas, of Portland, Me., for the position of minister to Sweden and Norway and so informed a delegation that called on him Thursday in the interest of State Senator Erickson, of Iowa.

Johannes Brahms Dying.

VIENNA, April 2.—Johannes Brahms, the famous composer, who has been seriously ill for some time, is now in an extremely critical condition, and only slight hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Col. Grant Declines the Appointment.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Col. Fred Grant has decided to decline President McKinley's offer of the position of first assistant secretary of war.

NOBODY KILLED

And Only Eight Wounded at the Bombardment of Izzedin.

Insurgents Willing to Communicate With European Troops.

British Warships Capture Three Small Greek Sailing Vessels—Christians Can Not Sell Sheep or Produce in Canea—European Troops Wanted.

LONDON, April 2.—The Times Friday prints a dispatch from its Vienna correspondent, who says:

"A council of the admirals was held to-day (Thursday) to determine whether and when the Gulf of Athens is to be blockaded. All the powers have now consented to that proposition, though nothing has been decided with respect to the blockade of other Greek ports.

"It is no secret that King George has formally stated to the powers that a declaration of war against Turkey will immediately follow on extension of the blockade to the Greek coast. This fact can not be left out of consideration. It is believed in some quarters that if the Gulf of Athens is blockaded popular excitement will compel the king to declare war, even if his own judgment and that of the cabinet were opposed. This has been a leading cause of the delay in securing a unanimous agreement between the powers. There is no doubt that in the event of a Turco-Greek war the intervention of the powers would be suspended.

CANEA, April 2.—A person who has just returned from visiting the insurgents at the camp of Col. Vassos, the commander of the Greek troops, states that the bombardment at Izzedin did little damage. Nobody was killed and only eight men were wounded. There were only 600 insurgents engaged in the fight. The informant says that in conversation with insurgents he was told that they would always be willing to communicate with the European troops under a white flag, provided no Turks were present. They admitted that it was impossible for them to fight against combined Europe, but declared that they were acting under orders from the Greek government and battling with the Turks.

The admirals commanding the foreign fleets in Cretan waters have refused to allow the Christians at Akrotiri to sell sheep or produce in Canea which is but a short distance from Akrotiri unless they surrender their arms.

ATHENS, April 2.—Some of the British war ships employed in blockade duty in the waters of Crete have captured three small Greek sailing vessels. Much indignation is expressed here over the affair, as it is pretty clearly established that at the time the vessels were captured they were outside the limits of the blockade.

LONDON, April 2.—It is credibly stated here that the admirals commanding the fleets at Canea and other Cretan ports have applied to their respective governments to each send 50 cavalry and half a battery of artillery, which they declare are required to be used for garrison purposes. It is stated that the admirals have announced that these forces will be used solely to defend the various forts.

ATHENS, April 2.—Although there has been nothing definite to show that it is the intention of the powers to blockade the coast of Greece, it is felt that such a blockade will be shortly established. Its imminence is causing an increase of activity. The ministry of marine is especially busy. All the officers of the fleet having orders to hold themselves in readiness to sail for the coasts of Epirus and Thessaly. The energetic preparations that are being made continue to evidence the staunch patriotism of the citizens. Owing to the lack of government transports merchants are sending a large number of handy converted steamers to the authorities.

BERLIN, April 2.—A dispatch from Constantinople to the Frankfort Zeitung declares that a proposal to purchase the island of Crete, made to Turkey and Greece, has been declined by the porte, which would not undertake separate negotiations so long as Turkey remained in accord with the European concert.

TEN FEET DEEP.

The Most Severe Snow Storm in Twenty Years Strik's Wyoming.

LARAMIE, Wyo., April 2.—The most severe snow storm in twenty years has struck this section, doing immense damage to cattle and sheep. Business here is practically suspended, and Wednesday even the daily papers were not issued. On the main streets the snow in places is ten feet high, while residences on the outskirts of the city are in some instances completely buried by drifts. Several buildings collapsed in consequence of the weight of the snow which covered their roofs. Storms extend from Medicine Bow to Pine Bluffs, Wyo., a distance of 175 miles. Laramie and Sherman Hill appear to be the very center of the storm belt. All freight trains on the Union Pacific have been suspended for the past 48 hours, and officials are making strenuous but apparently futile efforts to keep passenger trains moving. Trainmaster Culross, of the Union Pacific, hopes to have trains moving some time Thursday. On Sherman Hill the big rotary snow plow has been kept moving all day plowing through drifts fully 20 feet high in numerous places. Several snow plows are working west of here, making an endeavor to keep the main lines open.

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BUCKEYE NEWS.

New and Interesting Happenings Within Our Borders.

Amos Riggs Goes Back. BATAVIA, O., April 2.—William B. Dawson of Mayville, Ky., arrived here with requisition papers for the extradition of Amos Riggs, the murderer of W. B. Boyd and son of Mt. Gilend, Ky. There was no fight made by his attorneys to have his trial take place in Ohio. Riggs will be indicted by the Mason county grand jury, which meets the coming June. He will be represented by Judge Phiser, of Mayville, and E. O. Crane, of Batavia.

Elopers Under Arrest.

COLUMBUS, O., April 2.—Miss Imogene Lettson, daughter of Asher Lettson, president of the Kenton, O., national bank, and W. L. Backenstoe, a tailor of this city, are under nominal arrest and detained at the Chittenden hotel, on telegraphic orders from Banker Lettson. Backenstoe and Miss Lettson admit that they came here to be married, well knowing that their parents would not consent to their marriage. They claim to be of age.

The Chair Ready for Hans.

COLUMBUS, O., April 2.—"Everything is in readiness for the first electrocution in Ohio," said Electrician Green Thursday, after he had completed a test of the apparatus. A test by lamp circuit will be made every day until Hans is electrocuted. The chair, a solid and substantial piece of furniture of quartered oak, was the last part of the apparatus to be placed in position. Visitors are invited to sit in it. As a rule they refuse.

Fatally Injured in a Runaway.

RUENA VISTA, O., April 2.—A distressing accident occurred Thursday to John Palmer, the United States mail carrier between Ruena Vista and Wanesley. His team took fright and ran away, upsetting the vehicle over a precipice, fatally injuring Mr. Palmer and Frank McCall, wife of Attorney Henry McCall, of this place. Mrs. McCall had three ribs and an arm broken, besides being injured internally.

Died in Its Mother's Arms.

VAN WERT, O., April 2.—The home of Jefferson Bell, in Harrison township, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday morning. Loss, \$1,400. During the fire Mrs. Bell carried out their ten weeks' old baby and held it in her arms. After the excitement subsided she discovered that her babe was dead. It was probably suffocated by smoke before rescued.

Will Be Able to Settle in Fall.

NORWALK, O., April 2.—The hardware firm of Butt & Peck, of this city, was levied on Thursday by Sheriff Rout to satisfy a judgment obtained by Geo. Butt and the Norwalk national bank for \$23,000. The stock on hand is enough to satisfy all claims and the firm will be able to settle in fall.

Operator and Agent Held Up.

PLEASANTVILLE, O., April 2.—The operator and station agent on the T. & O. C. R. R. at Basil was held up and robbed Wednesday evening by five tramps, who secured quite a sum of money and valuable papers. The robbers escaped, but were afterward captured and lodged in jail.

Big Hotel Assignment.

COLUMBUS, O., April 2.—The Hotel Normandie, worth \$375,000, went into the hands of a receiver Thursday upon complaint of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. Two mortgages of \$50,000 each are held on the property. L. C. Newson was appointed receiver.

Hair Stolen While She Slept.

LIMA, O., April 2.—Pearl Wells, a beautiful girl who resides with her parents on north Tanner street, was horrified Thursday morning upon awakening from her sleep to find that her luxuriant growth of auburn hair was missing. Nothing in the house was disturbed.

Hardware Merchants Fall.

NEWARK, O., April 2.—Butt & Peck, prominent hardware merchants of this city, closed their doors Friday, judgments for over \$21,000 having been obtained against them. Assets not known.

Drilling for Oil.

RAIDIN, O., April 2.—An oil well is being drilled here by Findlay (O.) parties. The drill is now at a depth of 300 feet and work is progressing day and night.

Closed by Boys' Strike.

CLEVELAND, O., April 2.—The Lake Erie iron works closed Thursday on account of a boys' strike. Five hundred men are thrown out of employment.

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